

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the automatic admission to general academic teaching
3 institutions of students who complete the early college education
4 program.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 51.8036 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.8036. AUTOMATIC ADMISSION OF APPLICANTS COMPLETING
9 EARLY COLLEGE EDUCATION PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "early
10 college education program" means an early college education program
11 established under Section 29.908.

12 (b) A general academic teaching institution shall admit an
13 applicant for admission to the institution who:

14 (1) graduated from high school in one of the two school
15 years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is
16 applying for admission;

17 (2) completed the early college education program; and

18 (3) submits a completed application for admission
19 before the expiration of any application filing deadline
20 established by the institution.

21 (c) It is the responsibility of the applicant for admission
22 under this section to:

23 (1) expressly and clearly claim in the application
24 entitlement to admission under this section; and

1 (2) timely provide to the general academic teaching
2 institution the documentation required by the institution to
3 determine the student's entitlement to admission under this
4 section.

5 SECTION 2. Section 51.8036, Education Code, as added by
6 this Act, applies beginning with admissions to a general academic
7 teaching institution for the 2020-2021 academic year. Admissions
8 to a general academic teaching institution for an academic year
9 before that academic year are governed by the law in effect
10 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
11 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.